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SOURCE:

1. From 9 to 15 January 1953, a Polish delegation consisting of Rosenbein, Jewish representative of the Energy Ministry; Lewandowsky, representative of the Coal Ministry; Gutek, prospective technical manager; Zmuda, mining engineer and prospective production manager; Brochal, engineer; and Moron, chief of the construction work department of the Polish Coal Ministry, conferred with German representatives including Sarinski, chief of the PKB; Gottschalk, chief of the PKM; Dr. Kraemer; and Dr. Quesching, official in charge of the supply of machinery, on the Konin lignite project.

2. The planned site of the lignite combine is between Konin and Bromberg on the Goslawskie Jezioro (lake) where lignite deposits 3 meters thick extend below the lake and have been found in a depth of 6 meters.

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the German administration made preparations to mine lignite in this region.

3. The lignite combine is scheduled to include a briquette plant, a large power station, and later, a nitrogen producing plant. The planned initial output of the briquette plant is 1,600 tons of briquettes per month, to be used chiefly by the power station. The civilian population is to receive only the broken briquettes of the first 5 years' production. The power station is to be equipped with steam turbines from Switzerland worth 13,000,000 Swiss francs and ball type crushers manufactured in East Germany for grinding lignite and peat. All other equipment is to be delivered by West Germany. The lignite below the lake is to be mined later.

4. Source also learned that the cost of the project is to be offset by deliveries of pit coal from Upper Silesia. The Polish State Planning Commission is interested in having the target dates met to prevent delays in Polish coal deliveries.

5. Director Moron, the Polish delegate, stressed that in the future Poland

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would make only barter arrangements of this type with East Germany. He said East Germany was behind in deliveries for which contracts were made on the basis of the trade agreement.

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